

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (new): A solid, oral, controlled release dosage form comprising a therapeutically effective amount of oxycodone or oxycodone hydrochloride, between about 30 and 65% by weight of a matrix-forming polymer C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylcellulose or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> hydroxy-alkylcellulose and between about 1 and 20% by weight of a cationic exchange resin having a mean particle size of less than about 50  $\mu$ m and a particle size distribution such that not less than 90% of the particles pass through a 325 mesh sieve, US Standard Sieve Size, wherein the oxycodone or oxycodone hydrochloride, the polymer and the cationic exchange resin are admixed with one another in dry form and then compressed.

Claim 45 (new): The dosage form of claim 44 wherein the C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> group consisting of: hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose.

Claim 46 (new): The dosage form of claim 44 wherein the cationic exchange resin comprises a sulfonated polymer.

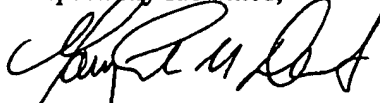
Claim 47 (new): The dosage form of claim 44 wherein the cationic exchange resin comprises a copolymer of divinylbenzene and styrene.

Claim 48 (new): The dosage form of claim 44 wherein the cationic exchange resin comprises a copolymer of divinylbenzene and methacrylic acid.

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Claim 49 (new): The dosage form of claim 44 wherein the cationic exchange resin comprises phenolic-based polyamine condensates.

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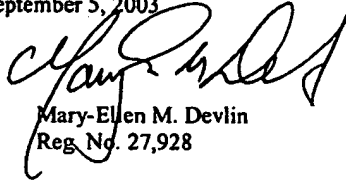
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